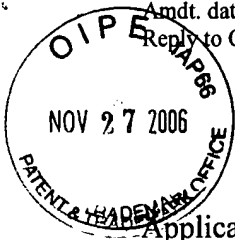


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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006 (Paper No. 20060830). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expires on December 8, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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